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(2-2015) Underlined dates indicate the ordinance was unlawful when it was enacted or amended.

## 20th District

- Plymouth Twp. II-12.05 (C) Firearm ban without CPL (?)
- Plymouth 54-203 & 204 General firearm ban without CPL (1982)
- Plymouth 26-10 Cemetery ban (1982 & 3-1998)

#### 34th District

- Flint 5-18 Airport ban (2-1968)
- Flint 31-20 License for all firearms (10-1915 amended 9-1965, 9-1969 8-2010)
- Flint 33-14 Park ban (6-1908)
- Flint many more old ordinances

#### 35th District

- Southfield - 9.321 Firearm definition (?)

### **42nd District**

- Hamburg 30A Section 1.3 Park ban (3-1991 amended 7-2000)
- Brighton Twp. 14-43 Metropark ban (6-1981 amended 6-2000)
- Brighton 54-131 Carry ban (7-2003)

#### 44th District

- White Lake Twp. 28-21 Metropark ban for non-concealed (2-2004)
- Milford 54-16 Park ban (5-1964)

#### 54th District

- Ypsilanti Twp - 42-209 Carry ban (4-1996)

## 56th District

- Milan 13 1/2-6 (m) Park ban (4-2011)
- Bedford Township 90,003 Park Ban and firearm definition. (6-1986 amended 1993 2002, 2005 2006)

#### **63rd District**

- Athens - Ord. 3 Sec. 5-3 Park ban (5-1992)

#### 89th District

- Grand Haven 24-55 (3) Possess, carry expose ban (4) passenger compartment ban (6-1994 & 12-2008)
- Spring Lake 50-107 Park ban (11-2011)
- Spring Lake Twp.- 10-12 Cemetery ban (8-2001)
- Spring Lake Twp. 26-21 Park ban (6-1997 amended 5-2002)

#### 96th District

- Bay City - 38-52 Firearm definition (5-2009)

## 107th District

- Petoskey 12-141 unlawful firearm and brandishing definitions (6-2014)
- Mackinaw City 50.008 Cemetery ban (11-2006)
- Sault Ste: Marie 22-59 Park ban (8-1982)
- Sault Ste. Marie 10-4 Cemetery ban (7-2001)

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# Controversy over proposed symbolic gun ban in Constantine

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CONSTANTINE, Mich. (NEWSCHANNEL 3) - Controversy continues in the village of Constantine.

Weeks after people packed a village meeting, speaking out over the possibility of an assault rifle ban, another meeting wrapped up Monday night.

The meeting room was packed with people once again Monday, all standing up against any type of ban.

Tempers were high at tonight's Constantine Village Council meeting.

The hot topic: whether or not to ban assault rifles in the community.

"Everybody has the right to bear arms, that's all we're trying to do. And she's trying to take them away from us," said resident Phil Lockwood.

Constantine Village Council President Patricia Weiss says she gave fellow council members a New York Times editorial a couple weeks ago, calling for congress to ban assault weapons in light of recent shooting tragedies.

"I was thinking perhaps if there was enough interest in grassroots, maybe something could be started with smaller towns," she said.

But the huge turnout at tonight's meeting caught Weiss by surprise.

"I've been attacked all evening," she said.

Nearly 20 people stood up to speak to the Constantine Village Council, unanimously opposed to even talk of a ban on assault rifles.

"You pick up the phone, dial 911. How long is that going to take. If a guys got a gun or even if he's coming at you with a big stick," said one resident.

"New York times is a rag," offered another.

"If this city does go against our constitutional right, I'd be more than happy to file a lawsuit against you," said another.

Weiss says she's not calling for a ban on guns, but wanted to hear from her community. The meeting also attracted people from out of town, filling the small meeting room.

"I'm a firm believer in the second amendment. Which protects all the other amendments and it's a threat to it. They're trying to pass a law that isn't very logical on their behalf," said Josh Raymond, out of Gobles.

Weiss says she doesn't know what her next move will be, but she will continue discussions with fellow council members.

Michigan law prohibits local government to go around state and federal, so if there were to be a ban in Constantine, it would be purely symbolic.



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## Grand Rapids has no plans to change unenforced gun ordinance

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GRAND RAPIDS, MI – The City Commission has no plans to amend an unenforced firearms ordinance that appears to conflict with state law.

Several speakers at a Tuesday, Jan. 8, meeting urged Grand Rapids leaders to get a 1960s-era gun law in conformance with state law, and one of them submitted a proposed amendment. And while Mayor George Heartwell agrees the local ordinance may conflict with state law, he and colleagues do not intend to do anything about it.

"If there's a concern, I'm sure that the state would let us know," said First Ward Commissioner Walt Gutowski, noting that he's more interested in dealing with the city's budget problems.

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Though much of the meeting's public comment focused on other issues – overwhelming neighborhood support for the **planned Pleasant Park** and sharp criticism of Heartwell for comments related to the **job performance of City Clerk Lauri Parks** – several people attended the meeting with guns on their hips. Expecting gun-carrying visitors, the city had two uniformed police officers at the meeting.

Jon Cipriani, of Grand Rapids, said he was glad cops were there to protect him at the meeting. But he needs to carry his own gun around town at other times, he said.

"I can't carry (police officers) around in a holster, can you guys?" Cipriani asked commissioners.

Some speakers urged the commission to ignore the proposal to change the city's firearms ordinance, prompting Chris Landis to say "I'll take my business elsewhere."

"They know they're violating state law," said the Caledonia man with a gun. "Why should we let our government

get away with it?

"Why would I continue to shop and eat here and give the city of Grand Rapids my money?"

Tim England, a Grand Rapids resident who **criticized two Michigan Open Carry members** for bearing arms at a Dec. 18 meeting, just days after the Newtown, Conn. shooting, spoke about the park during a hearing but did not address the commission on guns. Some of a group of retirees who **honored him** Monday, Jan. 7, with an award for "his courageous act of good citizenship" were in attendance, but left at 8 p.m. before the public-comment session of the meeting.

"The constituents that I represent and am hearing from have come down on the side of keeping guns out," Second Ward Commissioner Ruth Kelly said.

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Heartwell read a statement admitting that the city ordinance may conflict with state law. Still, "I have no interest in amending our ordinance nor have I heard interest on the part of my colleagues in doing so," he said.

"There's no political will for it," Heartwell said later.

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